

Spencer Finance Committee
April 2, 2013
Minutes

Call meeting to order: 7:05 p.m.

Members Present:

Mary Braney, Chair, Paul McLaughlin, Vice Chair, Nancy Herholz, Tom Parker, Mike Malone, Julie Parenteau, Bill Wall, Robbin Joyce, & Chris Kandel.
Adam Gaudette, Town Administrator.

Guests:

Deborah Zablocki, Interim Superintendent & Richard Scortino, Interim Business Manager.

Public Hearing FY 2014 Budget – Mc Court Social Hall

Kevin Hayes, Kurt Nordquist, Tony Pepe and Johns Stevens all spoke; commented and asked questions during the Spencer/East Brookfield Regional Schools budget presentation and state of the school district.

Budget Presentation:

Spencer/East Brookfield Regional Schools

Mr. Scortino and Ms. Zablocki presented information with regard to the current issues with FY2013 budget and the inability to reconcile expenses; citing issues of several new positions were fictitiously funded; misappropriation of funds, the use of prior year funds to balance FY13; shortfall skewed budget figures, which included grants that were expected and not received.

Mr. Scortino stated that they continue to review the budget, hoping that the deficit is not the \$1.6 to 1.8 but possibly/hopefully lower. Mr. Scortino is still working on a budget that would bring a level-service budget back to FY2012.

Lengthy discussion, questions and comments by committee members and residents in attendance for the FinCom's Public Hearing.

Minutes of March 26, 2013 meeting

Motion to approve: Mike Malone

Second: Chris Kandel

Approve: Unanimous

Correspondence: None presented

Review (Adam Gaudette)

Presented and explained (in detail) the FY2014 Draft Budget; detailing the amount to be raised by real & personal property taxes and other estimated receipts & revenue sources; projected revenue is \$19,452,807 for FY2014 Budget & Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Presented the 29 draft Warrant articles, which FinCom will vote on recommendations at the April 9, 2013 meeting.

Discussed the FY2013 Capital Program requests and many of the projects that will not be done due to the lack of funding.

Any other

Nothing further

Adjourn

Motion made by Chris Kandel to adjourn meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Second: Bill Wall

Approve: Unanimous

Meeting Schedule: April 9 Votes on recommendations for Annual Town Meeting; April 30 Primary Election; May 2 Annual Town Meeting; May 14 Annual Town Election

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Herholz